



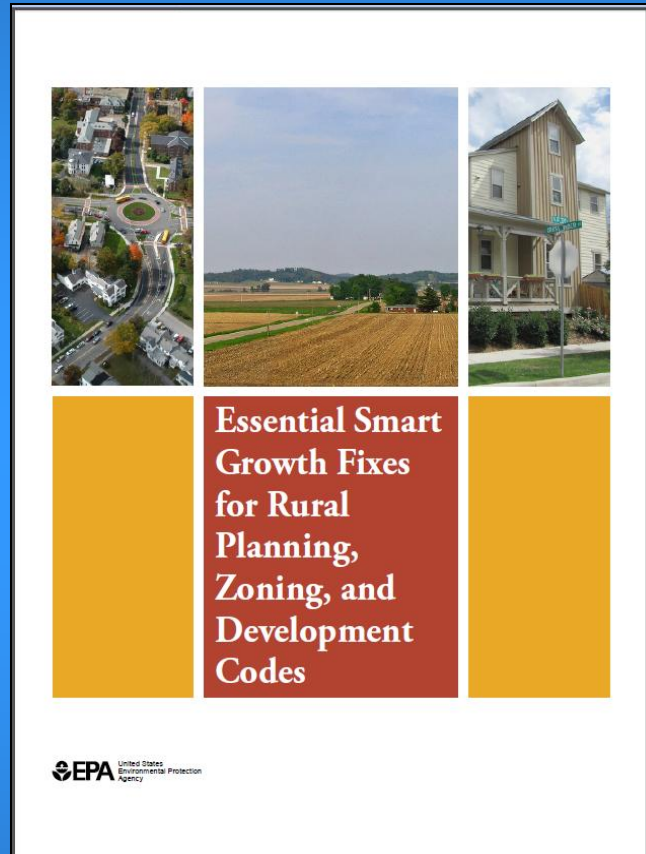
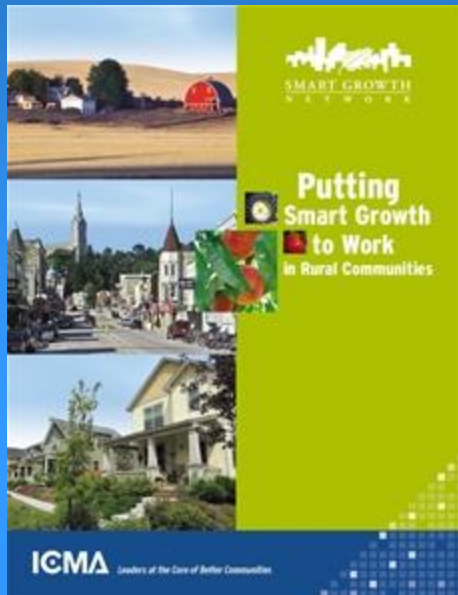
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Strategies for better growth in small towns and rural areas:

1. **Support the rural landscape:** Create an economic climate that enhances the viability of working lands and conserves natural lands.
2. **Help existing places to thrive:** Take care of assets and investments such as downtowns, infrastructure, and places that the community values.
3. **Create great new places:** Build vibrant, enduring neighborhoods and communities that people, especially young people, don't want to leave.



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